

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 will be pending.

Applicants acknowledge allowance of claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 pending removal of non-elected subject matter and note removal of claims 4-5 and 9 as being drawn to the same.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 is earnestly solicited.

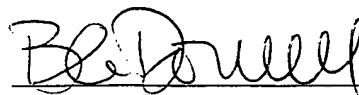
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